

Support for S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 regarding Absentee Voting

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I am writing in support of S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262, bills that will make absentee voting more accessible during the current pandemic and, relative to H.B. 5262, future pandemics. This is very, very important to me. I don't want to be forced to risk my health in order to vote, as well as the health of family members and friends. I have relatives and friends who are of significant age, including my aunt who is 96, who I visit. It would be tragic if I were to vote in person at age 75, contracted a very serious virus or COVID mutant, and gave it to any one of them or anyone else. By the way, I did vote absentee in both 2020 and 2021. I value being able to vote and take it very seriously.

Please continue the COVID 19 safety measures for 2022 and allow everyone who is concerned about exposure to COVID 19 to vote by absentee ballot. Also, please support H.B. 5262 to change the language of the Absentee Ballot statute to conform to the CT Constitution regarding illness. This makes common sense, and will give everyone the option to vote by absentee due to an illness or fear of contracting a highly contagious deadly illness.

Thank you for your consideration, and I trust you will do the right thing for our voters and state.

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